

Nebraska Digital Talking Books

DB 506 Complete Roadside Guide to Nebraska by Alan Boye

This second edition represents a major enlargement and revision of the first edition. It is a comprehensive guide to Nebraska, covering over 12,000 miles in all 93 counties. Includes the location of Indian battle sites, burials, unusual geological formations, pioneer roads, parks, museums, folklore tales, and thousands of other sites.

DB 538 Nebraskaland Magazine's Weather and Climate of Nebraska, by Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

Explains Nebraska's weather and climate--its awesome power and beauty.

DB 602 Nebraska Moments: New Edition, by Donald R Hickey, Susan A Wunder, and John R Wunder

Authors write about Nebraska places, events, personalities, and institutions, including the Oregon Trail, Forts Kearny and Robinson, the rise of Omaha, the celebrated architecture of the Capitol building, the world's largest area of sand dunes and of planted forest, the High Plains Aquifer, the establishment of Boys Town and Offutt Air Force Base, Gerald Ford-the first native Nebraskan president, the assassination of Malcolm X, the University of Nebraska five-time national championship football team, and the opening of the Kearney Arch over Interstate 80. Revised and expanded from the first edition. For high school and adult readers.

DB 646 On Solid Ground by Tom Osborne

Tom Osborne, head football coach at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, tells his personal story about a season when everything went right on the field, but not so smoothly off the field. His faith and personal philosophy are brought into sharp focus.

DB 684 One Final Pass: the Brook Berringer Story by Arthur L. Lindsay with Jan Berringer

Life of Nebraska Cornhusker quarterback killed in plane crash in 1996. Shows his life as full of perseverance and success on and off the field.

DB 697 Walks the Fire by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Captured by the Lakota Sioux on a Nebraska prairie, Jesse King wonders how she will adjust to life among the Indians. As she prays for sustaining faith, she discovers God's tender mercies in her friendship with an Indian woman and her love for a Sioux brave.

DB 760 Soaring Eagle by Stephanie Grace Whitson

After the Battle of Little Big Horn, newly widowed Lisbeth Kind Bard returns to Lincoln, only to discover that her mother is also gone. Grieving, she must pick up the threads of life and begin again. Second book in Prairie Winds series.

DB 761 Red Bird by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Carry treasures the memory of the first time she saw Soaring Eagle. Though she was only a small girl, she adored his wildness and freedom—and loved his gentle heart. Now, as she graduates from high school, Carrie prays that he will finally see her as an adult woman he could love and marry. Third book in Prairie Winds series.

DB 930 Local Wonders by Ted Kooser

Organized around the four seasons, this book uses humor and exquisite detail to describe the place the author calls home--the Bohemian Alps of Southeastern Nebraska. At times recalling his Iowa childhood, Nebraska poet and author Ted Kooser celebrates quiet walks in the country, subtle beauty in the landscape, and the ways in which his neighbors care for each other.

DB 974 Secrets on the Wind by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Two cavalry soldiers come upon a burnt-out settler's dugout and discover a lunatic woman hiding under a trap door. They carry her to Fort Robinson, where a kind old woman nurses her back to health. She has suffered a great deal and distrusts all men. Though she seems indifferent to all who try to help her, eventually she begins her journey to faith. Pine Ridge Portraits Series, #1.

DB 975 Watchers on the Hill by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Charlotte Valentine was once a flirtatious beauty in search of an army officer for a husband. But the events in her life have changed her into a person in desperate need of a safe haven, which she hoped to find upon her return to Fort Robinson. With the unexpected appearance of two former beaux, she can only trust God to heal her wounds and to move forward in faith. Pine Ridge Portraits Series #2.

DB 976 Valley of the Shadow by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Near the time of the Dakota Sioux uprising of 1862, Genevieve LaCroix reluctantly leaves her widowed French father to live at Renville Mission in order to further her education. Her loyalty is torn between her Sioux family and culture and the people she has grown to love at the mission. The minister's wife dies in childbirth, and more hardships take place when Sioux rise up against their white neighbors. As the violence subsides, Gen finds her faith has grown. Dakota Moon Series, #1.

DB 977 Edge of the Wilderness by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Having survived the Dakota Sioux uprising of 1862, Genevieve LaCroix is caregiver for the widowed minister's children as well as an orphaned baby. Though the minister proposes marriage to her, Gen is bereaved upon hearing that Daniel Two Stars has died. Trying to reconcile the Sioux and the whites and to cope with her own pain, Gen joins with the minister in missionary work with the captive Sioux who are suffering and starving at the notorious Camp McClellan. Dakota Moons Series #2.

DB 982 Heart of the Sandhills by Stephanie Grace Whitson

With the 1862 Sioux Uprising behind them, Daniel Two Stars and Genevieve LaCroix are finally husband and wife, living as renters on a small parcel of ancestral land in the Minnesota

Sandhills. Racial tensions hinder reconciliation with their white neighbors. In spite of Genevieve's protests, Daniel accepts another stint as an army scout. Book three in Dakota Moons Series.

DB 995 The Man From Boot Hill by Marcus Galloway

Nick Graves seeks out honest work as a grave digger and casket maker in the western plains town of Jessup, Nebraska, where the law is corrupt and violence rules. A former gun slinger, Nick hopes to make a fresh start but is confronted by a vengeful deputy and by Nathan Skinner, a man from his dark past who is deadly with a Bowie knife. Nick faces the prospects that the next funeral may be his own. Contains violence and strong language.

DB 1013 Play Action by Jack Botts

The Russian Mafia buys a New Jersey jeweler's debt paper in order to coerce his help in robbing an international shipment of diamonds. In trying to substitute his own plan, the jeweler lays out a trail of deception half-way around the world, including the Sahara, and ends up in a desperate struggle for survival in Idaho's Bitter Root Mountains.

DB 1022 A Garden in Paris by Stephanie Grace Whitson

After the death of her wealthy husband, Mary Davis seeks a solution to her emptiness and to the growing distance between herself and her daughter, Liz. Stumbling upon a framed motto in an antique store, "It's never too late to be what you might have been," she mails a letter to Jean-Marc David, an old flame, in care of his parents who live in Italy, hoping that he will join her in their special garden in Paris on Christmas Eve. Her daughter follows her to Paris, where she discovers her mom has turned into a free-spirited woman. However, Liz cannot accept her mother's efforts to rekindle her first love.

DB 1023 A Hilltop in Tuscany by Stephanie Grace Whitson

With her widowed mother at last settling into a new life in Paris, Liz Davis returns to Omaha in order to oversee her father's business. The comforting familiarity of home is disrupted when she finds disturbing information on his computer. Also, her fiancé has been offered a job promotion in California, even while an office intern is showing interest in her. Torn by conflicting emotions, Liz finds herself back at her mother's doorstep. Sequel to A Garden in Paris (RC 01022).

DB 1024 The Brother by Jack Barron

A devotional novel about Jerry Johnson, a thirty-six-year-old ranch hand from Broken Bow, Nebraska, who moves to a small county seat in Kentucky where he lives for three years and then dies. Six individuals tell in their own words how Jerry's short time with them changed their lives.

DB 1025 Summer of Discovery by Melody Herr

May 1939. Ben and David, two teenagers living in western Nebraska during the dustbowl, spend their summer as archaeologists unearthing the story of the Great Plains peoples. Bones,

caves, arrowheads, and buried cities provide clues concerning Nebraska's history, from the days of the Ice Age hunters through the end of the Indian Wars.

DB 1028 The Broidered Garment by Hilda Martinsen Neihardt

The daughter of Nebraska's poet laureate tells how her parents, though each from strikingly diverse backgrounds, fell in love, married, raised a family, and grew old together. The daughter of an international financier, Mona Martinsen was studying sculpture in Paris under Auguste Rodin. Born into a pioneer family on the Great Plains, John Neihardt was a gifted but impoverished poet and writer. A small book of his poems, *Bundle of Myrrh*, initially attracted Mona to John. The author uses family memoirs, correspondence, and interviews to tell her parents' love story.

DB 1030 The Good Journey: A Novel, by Micaela Gilchrist

This historical romance is based on private letters between Southern Belle Mary Bullitt and General Henry Atkinson, commander of the Sixth Regiment. Married in 1826, Mary follows her older husband to Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis. Throughout their sixteen-year marriage, she witnesses the struggle for the West and the destruction of the Native Americans, as personified by a standing feud between her husband and Black Hawk, legendary leader of the Sauk Indian tribe. Though life was harsh on the frontier, she grew to love her strong, silent husband.

DB 1031 Coal Camp Days by Ricardo L Garcia

A fictionalized account of growing up in the coalfields of northern New Mexico during the last years of World War II. Told primarily from an Hispanic perspective, the author includes folklore and stories of Afro-Americans, Italian, Slavic, and Greek immigrants who worked together in support of the war effort. Poor living conditions did not interfere with picking chokecherries, tracking deer, collecting scrap iron, and experiencing the joy of life.

DB1033 Dead Man's Promise, The Man From Boot Hill Book 3, by Marcus Galloway

Nick Graves is content to ply the trade his father taught him--that of funeral arranger and coffin maker in the lawless town of Jessup, Nebraska. A killer and former partner, Red Parks wants Graves to pay for past wrongs. He has brought along the old gang in order to target Graves' family as a way to settle the score. When an innocent woman is caught in the crossfire, Graves knows that his gunslinger days aren't yet over.

DB 1037 The Seanachie by Bob Huerter

Liam O'Conlan convinces his troubled grandson to drive him from Omaha to eastern Iowa in order to bring closure to a tragic chapter from the grandfather's youth. On the way, Liam tells his family's story to his grandson who is amazed at all that his Irish ancestors had endured. While returning to Omaha, their car collides with a truck on an icy bridge over the Missouri and the grandfather is killed. The grandfather returns from the grave to take his grandson on a journey through time to relive their ancestors' experiences during the Potato Famine and their migration aboard the "coffin ships" in order to establish a new life in America.

DB 1042 Forty Acres and a Fool by Roger Welsch

In 1975, the author purchased a farm near Dannebrog, Nebraska, and eventually left city life and a tenured professorship at a university behind. Drawing from over thirty years experience in country living, Welsch offers light-hearted but sincere advice to anyone contemplating a similar move. He discusses the problems of being an outsider in a tight-knit community, how to acquire and move buildings, and how to deal with trespassers and eccentric town folk. While expressing warm affection for his adopted home in the country, he advises newbie countrymen to learn from his mistakes.

DB 1043 One House: The Unicameral's Progressive Vision for America, by Charlyne Berens

With the urging of U.S. Senator George Norris, Nebraskans voted in 1934 to trade their bicameral, partisan legislature for one that is unicameral and nonpartisan. The senator argued that a unicameral body would be more responsive to the people. With seventy years of experimentation behind it, Nebraska's Unicameral still has many supporters and some detractors. The author interviews current and former state senators and legislative observers to consider how well the unicameral experiment has lived up to its progressive vision.

DB 1045 Link Across America: a Story of the Historic Lincoln Highway, by Mary Elizabeth Anderson.

Story of the nation's first transcontinental highway that today is followed approximately by I-80. The colorful history of the highway includes the use of "seedling miles," whereby developers sought local supporters to pay for segments of the highway through donations. For grades 2-5.

DB 1046 Heart of a Husker: Tom Osborne's Nebraska Legacy, by Mike Babcock

Portrait of Nebraska's legendary football coach, drawn from interviews with former players and other coaches. Throughout his twenty-five seasons as head coach, Osborne earned a reputation as a quiet but intense individual of integrity who led the Cornhuskers from 1973-1997 to a combined record of 255-49-3.

DB 1048 Death at the Door by K.C. Greenlief

Door County resident Ann Ranson is playing a round of golf at Wisconsin's Gibraltar State Park when she discovers a body on the eighth green. The victim, Paul Larsen, a local landowner and Chicago architect, had opposed nearly all commercial development in the increasingly popular Door County. At the same time, a string of burglaries have involved the theft of expensive antiques from summer homes. Authorities trace these stolen items to a series of prestigious auction houses across the United States. As the investigations continue, it becomes apparent the burglaries are tied-in with the murder. Book Two of Swenson and Smith Mystery Series.

DB 1052 Only Two Came Back by Dale Janda

Hester, a sixteen-year-old girl, is found murdered on the outskirts of frontier San Francisco. Four young men flee on the Sacramental Trail. Four men who watched Hester grow up pursue

them to avenge her death. Second sequel to *The Back-Up Girl* (RC 723) and follows the first sequel *The Trials of the Western Trail* (RC 923).

DB 1054 *The Demise of the Rocking R* by Dale Janda

Texas Panhandle rancher Ben Crye has his eye on taking over adjoining ranches. He plots ways to force ranchers to sell by bringing about hard times. As their cattle are being rustled, the ranchers recruit troubleshooter John Doddling to end the onslaught against them.

DB 1056 *Lana's Lakota Moons* by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

Lori and Lana are two Lakota girls living in Rapid City, South Dakota. Growing up within an extended family of parents and grandparents, the two girls are almost like sisters. They form a friendship with Shoua, a Hmong girl from Laos who is new to their school. That friendship opens doors to understanding each other's culture. For grades 4 to 7.

DB 1057 *Eight Women, Two Model Ts, and the American West* by Joanne Wilke

In 1924, eight farm girls attending Iowa's Teacher's College embarked on an extended car-camping trip in two Model Ts. Using clues from their diaries and letters, the author reconstructs their journey on 9000 unpaved miles through six national parks "without a man or gun along." From the era of the flapper, their true story becomes a celebration of resourcefulness and individual freedom.

DB 1059 *Calling Me Home* by Patricia Hermes

Twelve-year-old Abbie tries to be content with her new life on the Nebraska prairie in the 1850s after she and her family leave their house with a piano behind in St. Joseph. Living in a sod house built by her father, she longs for life in town where children can attend school. While her father is away in an effort to earn money to buy land, her baby brother loses his life to cholera. Her family helps her discover the faith and strength to survive their hardships.

DB 1062 *Heed the Thunder*, by Jim Thompson.

Four generations of Fargos dominate the small Nebraska town of Verdon. Set in the early 1900s, this dark, yet playful story portrays the mean-spirited members of an interlocking clan. A charming young lawyer turns into a crooked politician, and a bank clerk is slowly dying of syphilis. The clan's grandmother is persuaded by a clergyman of dubious character to sign over the family property. Some strong language and descriptions of sex.

DB 1063 *The Jugger: A Parker Novel, Book 6*, by Richard Stark.

Joe Sheer pursues a quiet life in Sagamore, Nebraska, after a lucrative career as a safecracker. He sends Parker, his former partner in crime, an urgent letter indicating local authorities are after him to reclaim \$500,000 in hidden money. Parker flies to Nebraska with the intent of protecting his past by silencing Sheer if necessary. Before they can rendezvous, Parker learns that Sheer is already dead, and local authorities are taking too much interest in Parker.

DB 1065 *Valentines* by Ted Kooser.

Former U.S. poet laureate and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Ted Kooser presents Valentine poems which he began writing in 1986 to fifty women friends. A new poem was printed on postcards and mailed each year. Twenty-two years later, an annual poem was being sent to over 2500 women throughout the United States.

DB 1068 A Stay Against Confusion: Essays on Faith and Fiction by Ron Hansen

Author presents fourteen essays to explore how his Christian faith has enriched his writing and how creating stories has helped him examine his own faith-filled life. He discusses the poetry of Gerald Manley Hopkins, the works of Leo Tolstoy, and the influence of John Gardner as mentor. He includes such religious figures as St. Ignatius of Loyola and the six Jesuit priests murdered in El Salvador, along with his twin brother, Rob, a priest, and their grandfather--a tough-as-nails Colorado rancher.

DB 1069 The Cleanup by Sean Doolittle

Though he comes from a proud line of cops, Matt Worth finds his career on the skids after losing his temper and decking a detective. His love life has also taken a hit, with a ten-year marriage ending in divorce. Now on provisional work status, he is assigned night patrol at a supermarket in a high-crime Omaha neighborhood. Worth finds himself drawn to Gwen, the checkout girl who has been battered by her drug-dealing boyfriend. He ends up driving a car with the boyfriend's body in the trunk and contending with rogue cops whose hands are dirty with drug money. Contains strong language, violence and sexual situations.

DB 1070 Dueling Chefs: A Vegetarian & a Meat Lover Debate the Plate, by Maggie Pleskac and Sean Carmichael

Two of Lincoln's chefs, the owner of Maggie's Vegetarian Wraps and the owner of Chez Hay Catering, present recipes that adapt vegetarian fare for meat eaters and meaty dishes for vegetarian. Based on ten years of friendly feuding, these two cooks offer ideas for vegetarian / meat-eater households for complementary dishes that can be served side-by-side.

DB 1071 Interior Places by Lisa Knopp

A collection of essays concerning the Midwest. Includes memoirs, as well as travel writing, and natural history. The author describes the inner character of the Midwest, as revealed by history, shaped by nature, and lived by its inhabitants. Some strong language.

DB 1072 Diary of a Husker by David Kolowski.

Captures the experiences of a Husker player during the five years, 1998-2002, in which he served as Nebraska's backup center and deep snapper. Includes a foreword by 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch.

DB 1073 America: Our Next Chapter by Chuck Hagel

Nebraska's senior senator presents strategies for dealing with America's most pressing problems, including economic, foreign policy, security, and leadership. He challenges the underlying assumptions that have steered our course of action in Iraq and offers assessments regarding Israel and Palestine, China, the global economy, and rebuilding our military. In order

to overcome the current partisan impasse, he makes a case for a new independent party or bipartisan ticket.

DB 1074 Nebraska Quilts & Quiltmakers edited by Patricia Cox Crews and Ronald C Naugle

Drawn from the Nebraska Quilt Project survey, 103 quilts represent over 125 years of quilt making, from territorial days to the 1980s. In addition to a description of patterns, materials, and techniques, the entries include a biographical sketch of the quilt makers.

DB 1075 A Flowering of Quilts, edited by Patricia Cox Crews

Taken from the Ardis and Robert James Collection of the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska, this book highlights 53 examples of floral applique quilts from the nineteenth century. The book explores women's interest in botany and similarities between the designs of flower gardens and quilts during that period.

DB 1076 Nebraska's Cowboy Trail: A User's Guide by Keith Terry

The nation's longest recreational rail-to-trail project, the Cowboy Trail follows a 321-mile corridor across northern Nebraska once used by the railroad to carry supplies to the Black Hills during the 1870s gold rush. Now stretching from Norfolk to Chadron, the trail passes through eastern farmland on through Plains ranchland and then across the northern Sandhills and on to the edge of the Pine Ridge. This book serves as a companion for those who plan to hike, bike, or ride horseback along this unique trail.

DB 1078 Living Blue in the Red States by David Starkey

"Progressive" novelists, poets, essayists, and professors describe what it is like for them to live in conservative "Red" states and often feel out of step with the predominate political culture. While sometimes expressing anger or frustration, these individuals search for ways to close the political divide between the left and the right, or at least understand it.

DB 1079 From the Garden Club: Rural Women Writing Community by Charlotte Hogg

The author describes the lives of her grandmother and other women in Paxton, Nebraska, who are involved in literacy work. Activities include writing news articles and memoirs, working at the library, and participating in the Garden Club. These women use their work to help sustain their town and nourish themselves as well.

DB 1080 Lawrence Bixby: Preserver of the Old Spade Ranch, by Ruth Vanacker and Robert M Howard.

Established in the Nebraska Sandhills by Bartlett Richards in 1888, The Spade Ranch played a role in the state's early livestock history. At its height, the ranch grew to 500,000 acres. Following the founder's death in 1911, a young neighbor and summer employee, Lawrence Bixby, worked tirelessly to preserve and maintain The Spade's holdings. Beginning in 1924, Bixby began acquiring ownership of Spade land. He lived to see the ranch entered into the National Registry of Historic Places.

DB 1081 Mayor Helen Boosalis, by Beth Boosalis Davis.

This biography written by her daughter details Helen Boosalis' years of service in Nebraska politics. Her career began in the 1950s as a League of Women Voters volunteer who spearheaded efforts to change Lincoln to a strong mayor form of government. Elected to the city council in 1959, she became mayor of Nebraska's capital city in 1975. and went on to serve as the first woman president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. As a Democratic candidate for governor in 1986, she ran against Kay Orr in the first gubernatorial contest between two women in U.S. history.

DB 1083 Miles Maryott by S A Sullivan

Widely respected as an avid hunter and fisherman, Miles Maryott hosted wealthy guests at his hunting lodge on Nebraska's Crescent Lake in his beloved Sandhills. A gentle man when sober, he gained a reputation for ill-temperament when drunk. On Thanksgiving eve, 1926, he shot and killed Marshal George Albee, leaving behind a widow and eight children. Sentenced to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Maryott produced dozens of wildlife paintings, some of which continue to bring high bids at auction.

DB 1085 My Brushes With Death and Other Outdoor Blunders by Steven Paul Barlow

Author presents 50 of his favorite "Parting Line" magazine columns originally published in Game & Fish publications. While meeting the minimal obligations of having a wife, four kids, and a job, the author describes with tongue-in-cheek his desire for the stress-free life of outdoors. His misadventurers include family camping trips, backcountry excursions, and solo deer hunts. 2007.

DB 1086 Prairie Whispers by Scott E. Miller.

Based on true events from the 1880s, John and Maggie McKay and their two young daughters, Claire and Abbie, settle on the Nebraska prairie. They make their way to their homestead along the Niobrara River in a wagon pulled by oxen. First task is to clear the grassy fields of rattlesnakes; then plant their first crop of wheat and vegetables. With the first harvest in early summer, they dig a cave in the clay soil to store their precious food. John and his oldest daughter, Claire, make a three-day trip to the nearest town, Niobrara City, to purchase supplies so they can frame their cabin. Before the weather turns cold. John builds furniture when he sells in town to raise extra money for more building materials and supplies. Their first winter is challenging, and they welcome the arrival of spring. Summer brings an addition to the family with the birth of a baby brother.

DB 1087 Prairie Sunsets by Scott E Miller

Two years after beginning new lives as homesteaders on the Nebraska prairie, the McKay family now enjoys living among neighbors, as well as having a school and even a county fair in O'Neill. Claire's friendship with Caleb Clark, their neighbor's son, blossoms into romance. The community contends with a tornado and a swarm of hungry locusts. That fall, the McKay's announce plans to sell the farm and move to Stuart where they will manage a hotel, and Caleb begins university classes in Lincoln. Sequel to Prairie Whispers (RC 01086). For grades 6 to 9.

DB 1088 The Wide Open: Prose, Poetry, and Photographs of the Prairie, edited by Annick Smith and Susan O'Connor.

Writers with ties to the prairie, such as Willa Cather, Mari Sandoz, Rick Bass, and Jim Harrison, describe how the high, cold plains of the American West challenged their imagination and provided inspiration. The grasslands, badlands, rivers, and sagebrush provided the stimulus that produced beautiful prose and poetry. Some strong language.

DB 1089 A Visit to Hartington, by Kenny Miller.

Life in a small Midwestern town, seen primarily through the loving eyes of a middle son who survives polio, the loss of a friend, and later copes with his mother's final illness. A Walton-style collection of stories featuring the school music teacher, a Norwegian bachelor farmer, and other memorable characters; about the author growing up in the 1950s, leaving home, but never forgetting his roots. Some strong language.

DB 1090 Letters to a Young Therapist by Mary Pipher

Compilation of letters from a clinical psychologist to a graduate student / therapist-in-training. By mixing storytelling with sharp-eyed observation, the author draws from her experiences helping patients tackle the challenges all humans face in dealing with troubled relationships, stressful jobs and home lives, and having too little time.

DB 1091 Bicycling Beyond the Divide by Daryl Farmer.

At age forty, the author retraces a five-thousand-mile bike trek through the American West, a journey he previously undertook as a college drop-out when he was twenty years younger and seventy pounds lighter. Taking along his journals from his first trek, he observes what has changed and what has endured, in terms of the environment, the individuals he encounters, and himself. On this second trip, he is caught in a Colorado snowstorm, has to negotiate a herd of bison, shares meals and stories with homeless individuals, and kayaks with Orcas in Puget Sound.

DB 1092 Something in Vallarta, by Robert Richter.

1972. A young American expatriate, former student, and political activist named Cotton Waters hides along Mexico's Pacific Coast where he is known by his buddies as Algo, which is Spanish for Something. When his money runs out, he reluctantly finds employment with wealthy Americanos. One of them, who is jealous, pays him to follow a beautiful woman to make sure she isn't cheating. Algo finds himself in a tangled, dangerous web of murder, drugs, corrupt police, and buried treasure. Some strong language.

DB 1094 Husker Numbers: A Nebraska Number Book by Rajean Luebs Shepherd

A counting book provides a way for young readers to explore the Cornhusker State. Beginning with western Nebraska's "1 majestic Chimney Rock," the numbers progress through other attractions, such as "4 ancient Indian petroglyphs," "7 black-tail prairie dogs," or "15 American flags . . . for veterans at Fort McPherson."

DB 1095 Last Flight of Kilo Mike, by Kenny Miller.

Donnnie, a young co-pilot, returns to the United States in a private Learjet after an extended assignment in Africa where he helped survey forest areas for Liberia. To his horror, he discovers a deadly bomb has been smuggled onboard, with New York City as the target. With only minutes to spare, he needs to overcome his fears in order to prevent catastrophic loss of life. Some strong language.

DB 1096 The Path to Pelini, by Lincoln Journal Star Books

Bo Pelini followed a winding road that took him from Nebraska to Oklahoma and Louisiana State, and then back to Nebraska as head coach. The compilation of articles from the Lincoln Journal Star documents the turbulent post-2003 football season and includes new insider commentary from veteran Husker writer Steve M. Sipple.

DB 1097 God's Brat by Sr. Kathryn Leahy, OSF.

Devotional reflections by Sister Kathryn Leahy, simple and gracefully written, includes her life story. Sr. Kathryn was born on a farm near Ewing, Nebraska, and spent her life of ministry as an educator in Nebraska Catholic schools.

DB 1098 Gracie Gannon: Middle School Zero, by Mary Elizabeth Anderson

Gracie is having a tough time at middle school after her dad lost his job and the family had to move to a small house in a rundown section of town. The popular girls at school think Gracie's clothes, her hair, and Gracie herself are a joke, and even her former best friend ignores her. Gracie has to choose between joining the bullies and becoming a loyal friend to others who need her. For grades 5 to 8. 2008.

DB 1099 When Blacks Were Green, by Karla J Cooper.

Black Americans have a tradition, often out of necessity, of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Today individuals who wish to live "green" can draw from those experiences in order to reclaim such virtues as simplicity, creativity, and imagination.

DB 1100 City and Prairie Bones by Billie Lee Snyder Thornburg

Anecdotal accounts of life in North Platte, Nebraska, 1920s-1950s, when it was known as the wildest, wooliest town in the Midwest. Humorous descriptions of attempts to clean up Nebraska's "Little Chicago" and change its reputation as a haven for vice. Contains some descriptions of sex. 2005.

DB 1102 CBS's Don Hollenbeck by Loren Ghiglione

Controversial newscaster began his career at Lincoln, Nebraska's Journal before becoming editor of the Omaha Bee-News. Hollenbeck went on to report from Europe during World War II and subsequently anchored television newscasts during the era of Edward R. Murrow. On his prize-winning radio program, CBS Views the Press (1947-1950), during the McCarthy era, he criticized several prestigious New York newspapers, including several belonging to Hearst. Plagued by problems in his personal life and attacked by conservative anti-communists, especially Jack O'Brian, Hollenbeck took his own life in 1954.

DB 1104 Memory Stadium, by Kevin D Horn.

News editor for KCOW Radio in Alliance, Nebraska, relates his decades of devotion to Cornhusker football to major events in his own life. He describes the impact of Husker football on his childhood and young adult years in eastern Nebraska, and on his nearly 25-year career in radio broadcasting. He tells what he was doing and who he was with while following the Huskers from 1969 to the present.

DB 1105 The Plain Sense of Things, by Pamela Carter Joern.

Set in the Nebraska panhandle, this novel follows three generations of the Preston family, 1930 through 1979, as they exhibit quiet integrity in the face of hardship, hard work, and poverty. Following his estranged daughter's death, a stoic grandfather brings his grandson home. Family members struggle and endure, as does the nation, through the Great Depression, World War II, the killing of Charles Starkweather, and the resignation of Richard Nixon, and find the strength to renew their hope with every sunrise. Contains strong language.

DB 1107 Her Appearing: A Love Story, by Donald G Hanway.

A busy minister is in extended grief recovery following the death of his wife. He meets a single mom, who is an Afro-American, and falls in love. He faces ongoing challenges in providing counseling, dealing with church finances, conducting funerals, and trying to make life easier for a gay teen. Written by a retired Episcopal priest.

DB 1108 Breathing in the Fullness of Time by William Kloefkorn

Nebraska's State Poet writes the fourth and final installment of his memoirs. He reflects on his foray into college football, a stint in the Marines, his long-lasting marriage to his childhood sweetheart, a sojourn in California, and his teaching career at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Some strong language.

DB 1109 Escape From Saigon by Andrea Warren

In 1975, at the end of the Vietnam War, an eight-year-old orphan named Long is evacuated from Saigon's Holt Center during Operation Babylift. An adoptive family in Ohio receives him with open arms and changes his name to Matt Steiner. Eventually Matt graduates from college and then medical school and becomes an emergency room physician. Years later, he revisits Vietnam and remembers his American heart is half Vietnamese. For grades 5-8.

DB 1110 Following the Wrong God Home by Clive Scott Chisholm

A displaced Canadian sets out to explore the West on foot to discover the origins of the American Dream. As he traverses the Mormon Trail, from Omaha to Salt Lake City, he describes fascinating American dreamers he meets along the remnants of the historic trek. Often these individuals are torn by the contradictory desire to seek community while preserving individuality, as were their pioneer counterparts. Contains some strong language.

DB 1111 Rob & Sara.com by PJ Petersen and Ivy Ruckman

This novel for young adults was written in actual emails between its two authors, who took on personas for a whole year. Sara, an army brat, wants to stay in one high school for a year and live like a normal person. Rob, an unwilling resident of an academy for troubled teens, feels distant from his father and his alcoholic mom. Two lonely outsiders, Sara and Rob meet on a web site for young poets and build a trusting relationship across cyberspace. There seems to be few prospects for ever meeting in person until an accident lands Sara in the hospital and Rob runs away in order to be with her. Some strong language. For grades 6 to 9.

DB 1113 Dreams of the N 'Dorobo: A Gabe Turpin Adventure-Mystery by Gary Gabelhouse

Gabe Turpin, a middle-aged anthropologist, rescues an African shaman from torture, becomes his student, and learns "dream walking" - a meditation that allows its practitioners to slip past all defenses undetected. Caught in a whirlwind of political assassination in East Africa, Gabe struggles to understand the dark secret of "dream walking" before its mysterious destruction kills him.

DB 1114 Sweet Eyes, by Jonis Agee.

The small community of Divinity, Iowa, is thrown into conflict over Honey Parrish's affair with Jasper Johnson, the town's only black man. The ensuing chaos opens up other old wounds, including Honey's loss of a dead lover, a psychotic brother, and even an unsolved murder. The town sheriff forces Honey to confront whether her dead lover, her ex-husband, or her brother could be the killer. Contains some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

DB 1115, Jennie Barnes: Right Now Forever! by Vera Saban.

Nebraska prairie. 1915. Jennie, a ten-year-old girl, lives on a tenant farm with her family. Though she, her sister, and her brother have little money, they live an exciting life that includes school, Sunday school, the county fair, and even a circus. For grades 3 to 6.

DB 1116 Spell it M-U-R-D-E-R by Ivy Ruckman

After Andrea and her bunkmate Katy feel bullied by the other campers at Camp Shagbark, they make a foggy, late-night escape by stealing a rowboat in order to row the six miles downstream toward home. When they overhear two men in a powerboat speak of dumping bodies, the two girls think they have witnessed a murder. Since they are missing from camp, their miscellaneous tip to police makes everyone believe they have been murdered. For grades 5 to 8.

DB 1117 By Train They Came: Fragile Excess Baggage Volume 1, by Charlotte Endorf and Sarah M Endorf.

Personal stories of those who, as children, rode the Orphan Trains in order to be placed in foster homes. For grades 6 to 9.

DB 1118 By Train They Came: Fragile Excess Baggage Volume 2, by Charlotte Endorf and Sarah M Endorf.

More true-life stories of those who, as children, rode the Orphan Trains in order to be placed in foster homes. For grades 6 to 9.

DB 1119 The Eleventh Hour Can't Last Forever by Alison Johnson

True story of growing up in Palisade, Nebraska, with a father who believed fervently that the government was on the brink of collapse and banks could not be trusted. He started hiding large quantities of gold and silver in and around his house. With the father's declining years and then death, the family became increasingly dysfunctional as members struggled with how to deal with the hoarded wealth.

DB1121 Reconsidering Happiness by Sherrie Flick

Twenty-three-year-old Vivette leaves her job behind at a hip bakery in New England and heads west in her grandfather's old Buick to start a new life in Des Moines. Before settling in, she first spends time with Margaret, an old acquaintance who left the same bakery earlier for Nebraska. Margaret shares the lessons she had learned about love and loneliness and creating a new life on the Great Plains.

DB 1122 Lights on a Ground of Darkness, by Ted Kooser.

Following the death of his mother, former U.S. poet laureate pens a brief memoir in an effort to keep the world of his childhood from being lost. Raised in a family of German immigrants in the eastern Iowa town of Guttenberg, near the Mississippi River, Kooser writes affectionately of his grandfather who owned a Standard Oil full-service gas station and his Uncle Elvy, who had cerebral palsy. Kooser's mother, Vera, taught the future poet "to see the life at play in everything."

DB 1123 The Death of Raymond Yellow Thunder, by Stew Magnuson.

The 1972 murder of Raymond Yellow Thunder was a graphic reminder of conflict between some members of the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation and some members of bordering communities, such as Whiteclay and Gordon. The context for this modern-day tragedy include the history of Black Hills incursions, the Ghost Dance, Wounded Knee and the second Wounded Knee, and the American Indian Movement. The author explores the painful nuances of misunderstanding and prejudice that have plagued this blended region. Some strong language.

DB 1125 Beyond the Final Score, by Tom Osborne.

Legendary former head football coach and U.S. congressman reflects on the lessons he has learned on and off the football field. His values and faith have guided him on such initiatives as the TeamMates mentoring program for youth at risk, and a training program for Iraqi women so they can change their country.

DB 1126 Down To Earth: Celebrating a Blessed Life on the Land, by Curt Arens.

A lifelong family farmer and devote Catholic, Arens describes how his occupation and his faith are inseparable. Arens, his wife, and three children live on a homestead along Bow Creek near the Nebraska-South Dakota border that has been in his family since 1917. The author provides information on the physical and economic burdens faced by family farmers, and reflects on Catholic social teaching and ethical land stewardship.

DB 1127 Nebraska Kitchens Cookbook: Favorite Recipes of Our State, Volume 1, by Nebraska Life Magazine.

Features 134 favorite recipes submitted by readers of Nebraska Life magazine.

DB 1128 Nebraska Kitchen Cookbook: Favorite Recipes of Our State, Volume 2, by Nebraska Life Magazine.

Features 150 favorite recipes submitted by readers of Nebraska Life magazine.

DB 1129 Death in December: Emily Sinclair Myster Series, Book 1, by Pam Broderick.

Emily Sinclair, a principal in a parochial school, investigates the death of Donna Brendall, a parishioner whose demise, it seems, would have been on many people's wish list.

DB 1130 Justice in January: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 2, by Pam Broderick.

Once her divorce from David is final, Emily Sinclair goes on a pilgrimage to France and Italy. Her efforts to make a fresh start are complicated by the death of her tour guide, and she finds herself involved in solving a murder.

DB 1131 Folly in February: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 3, by Pam Broderick.

Emily Sinclair is devastated to find her own doctor, Charles Lincoln, dead in her church choir loft. Since he was one of Fall Oakes' beloved and respected physicians, Emily is determined to find out who would have killed him, and why.

DB 1132 Nebraska Farmer Special Anniversary Edition 2009

Special edition of Nebraska's leading agricultural publication celebrates its 150th anniversary. This historical edition recounts Nebraska Farmer's beginnings and chronicles the dramatic changes in the state's farming and ranching industries. Included are reprints of articles from the Farmer's archives.

DB1134 Land of Their Own by Ruth Richert Jones

Troublesome times in Russia prompt a young Mennonite family to migrate to America, drawn by the promise of free land and freedom of religion. The harrowing trip takes much longer than anticipated, thanks to a robbery, a collision at sea, and a severe storm that disables the vessel. A young Hollander named Toby and a young Russian, Sophia, also plan to migrate, though Sophia's father strongly opposes the risky venture.

DB 1135 Father Flanagan of Boys Town by Hugh Reilly and Kevin Warnek

An Irish lad named Edward Flanagan joins the priesthood and ;then follows his brother, who is also a priest, to the plains of Nebraska. After serving several parishes and opening a hotel for homeless men, Father Flanagan finds his life work as founder of Boys Town, a haven for thousands of orphaned, neglected, and abandoned boys of any race or creed.

DB 1136 Nosy in Nebraska by Mary Connealy

Three romance mysteries are all set in rural Melnik, Nebraska, home of the world's largest field mouse. In *Of Mice . . . and Murder*, Carrie Evans, who hates mice and loves big cities, returns to her small hometown to live in a mouse-infested house where a human body is found in the pantry. A local carpenter helps her trap the rodents and try to solve the murder. In *Pride and Pestilence*, Bonnie Simpson, an insomniac museum curator, is chief suspect in the murder of Sven Gunderson, whom nobody liked. In *The Mice Man Cometh*, attorney Tyler Simpson is thrilled to open a law office in Melnik until a body falls out of his cupboard and he angers the locals after being appointed public defender for the town's nemesis.

DB 1139 Love Finds You in Valentine, Nebraska, by Irene Brand.

Kennedy Blaine, a wealthy heiress from California, inherits Circle Cross Ranch near Valentine, Nebraska. While her first impulse is to sell, she decides to visit the ranch first, where she meets its manager, Derek Sterling. As a youth, Derek had been adopted and later abandoned in Chicago before finding an adoptive family who loved him. Kennedy stays on for the summer to reconnect with relatives and finds herself drawn to the peace and solitude of the ranch. As she stays on, she is subjected to a series of threats and harrassments. Someone clearly wants her to sell and leave. *Love Finds You Series*, No. 3.

DB 1146 Wild Hearts by Kody James Connick.

A juvenile delinquent breaks into a home to steal valuables and ends up taking a pit bull puppy. As he encounters the bloody sport of dog fighting, he feels the urgent need to rescue abused dogs. In the process, the lives of dogs and his own life are forever changed.

DB 1147 Menace in March: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 4, by Pam Broderick.

Parochial school principal Emily Sinclair volunteers to produce a community play. The star of the show attracts a secret admirer, who Emily suspects is a dangerous stalker. When the star dies suddenly, Emily wonders if the stalker is more dangerous than she thought.

DB 1148 I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice by Joe Starita.

In 1877, Chief Standing Bear's people, the Ponca, were removed from their ancestral lands in Nebraska's Niobrara River valley to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). When his only son dies in 1879, Standing Bear undertakes a 600-mile journey back to Nebraska in order to bury him. This action sets the stage for a federal trial to determine whether or not Native Americans were entitled to equal protection under the law, and had they been deprived of their property, homeland, and even their lives without due process.

DB 1149 Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom, by Tim Tingle.

Mississippi, before the civil war. Martha, A Choctaw girl, makes friends with Little Mo, a slave boy on a plantation. She helps Little Mo and his family cross the river to freedom one night when his family is threatened. For grades 2-4. 2006.

DB 1159 Winter Busy Family Recipes

For families on a tight budget and schedule, this winter supplement to Taste of Home magazine features 127 recipes, along with tips and tricks to speed up mealtime prep. Includes beef, chicken, pork, and seafood dishes that can be prepared in 30 minutes or less, and simple side dishes ready in 15 or fewer minutes.

DB 1171The Legend of Lil Red by Paul W. Rea

Rhyming story tells how a four-year-old Husker fan's sportsmanship turned him into the team mascot. For grades K-4.